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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicants have considered the Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2006 and offer the following amendments and remarks. This is being filed with a petition for extension of time and appropriate fee on or before March 1, 2007, thus making it a timely response. Although the Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Docket No.: 067450-5032US).

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